

Referees,

First and foremost, I hope this note finds everyone healthy.

Circumstances are rapidly changing, and it's obviously having a big impact on volleyball - actually, the entire sports world. The OVR Board of Directors is continuously monitoring the situation. Mandates and recommendations from local, state and federal authorities, as well as USA Volleyball, directly impact our decisions. We are trying to be diligent and patient as things unfold, keeping the well-being of our members as a primary focus.

After all the communications and discussions I've been a part of for the past 7 days, I want to be realistic with our officiating cadre. And this is BRIAN speaking, not the OVR Board! As you're looking ahead to the spring, I would recommend that you assume the OVR season is over. It would be unrealistic to think that circumstances are going to change significantly enough in the next few weeks to open the door for late April and May events. I cannot speculate whether USAV National Championship events are going to take place this summer.

Since officiating provides supplemental or primary income for many of us, I wanted to be up front about where I think we are. Assume your April and May tournament assignments aren't going to happen. That's MY best guesstimate. I don't want people holding onto tournament dates when you might have other opportunities to make some money on weekends.

Check the OVR homepage regularly. We'll post Board updates/decisions there, and I'll do my best to share them with you via email. In the meantime...

FOLLOW RECOMMENDED PRECAUTIONS from the CDC, and the state & federal governments. We may not like following "orders," but when we are all doing what the authorities and experts suggest, we can get through this quicker.

We want all of you to be healthy and ready to return when it's time to get back on the courts, so take care of yourselves, your families and friends.

All the best,

Brian